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CRYSTAL METH DEALER GARY KISS  
SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, today announced the sentencing late yesterday of GARY KISS, a former stock broker, to five years' imprisonment for distributing and conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, commonly known as "Crystal Meth." KISS was also fined \$70,000, and sentenced to a term of five years' supervised release.

At the sentencing, United States District Judge JOHN G. KOELTL stated that a five year sentence was appropriate to "reflect the seriousness of the offense... and protect the public." The Court imposed the \$70,000 fine to ensure that KISS disgorged the proceeds of his drug dealing.

According to a criminal complaint, in June 2003, KISS sold approximately 13 grams of crystal methamphetamine to a confidential informant for \$1,400 in a videotaped transaction in Manhattan. That same month, KISS also provided the confidential informant with \$4,200 in cash in order to finance the purchase of

two ounces (56 grams) of crystal methamphetamine from a source of supply in Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition, according to a criminal Information filed against KISS, in August 2003 KISS gave the confidential informant a partial payment of approximately \$3,500 in cash in order to purchase two ounces of crystal methamphetamine. KISS told the confidential informant that he intended to distribute 1½ ounces of the crystal methamphetamine to others.

KISS was arrested on February 19, 2004. According to statements made at KISS's sentencing hearing, prior to his arrest KISS was employed as a stock broker earning approximately \$200,000 per year.

On November 1, 2004, KISS pleaded guilty to the charges contained in the Information, and was remanded into custody at that time.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney STEVEN D. FELDMAN is in charge of the prosecution.

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